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February 7, 2022

The Right Honourable Justin P.G. Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Prime Minister:

I hope you and your family are feeling well and are fully recovered.

I am writing to ask for a meeting with you and the other party leaders so that we can come together to discuss how we can de-escalate the protests, to take the temperature down and to help find solutions that will allow the good people of Ottawa to get back to their lives and businesses. Canadians want and need a peaceful resolution to this impasse.

It is time to de-politicize the response to the pandemic. Canadians across the country have come together, made sacrifices, and done what is necessary to keep their families and communities safe. Canadians were encouraged to hear Dr. Tam say that we need to find a more “sustainable” way of dealing with the pandemic. She further recommended that all existing public health policies be “re-examined” with provinces and territories so that we can “get back to some normalcy.” This is a message of hope that many Canadians have been waiting for.

As you know, leadership is about listening. Canadians are looking for leaders to provide certainty, hope, and a pathway out of the pandemic. Instead, your comments last week have been dismissive about a “fringe” with “unacceptable views”, and since then, you have been largely absent.

The federal party leaders have a responsibility to help our country and our frustrated citizens. It is my sincere hope that we can show leadership by coming together to talk about solutions, to follow the science rather than the politics when it comes to mandates.

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We can deliver a message of hope for the millions of Canadians who are frustrated and want to return to their normal lives.

I hope you can find time to meet. I look forward to working with you and the other party leaders.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Candice Bergen". The script is cursive and fluid.

The Hon. Candice Bergen, P.C., M.P.
Leader of the Official Opposition

cc: Yves-François Blanchet, M.P. (Beloeil – Chambly)
Jagmeet Singh, M.P. (Burnaby South)